



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



with the churches of  
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

Diocese of Leeds: Registered Charity No 249404

## Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16, 17/18 July, 2021

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			<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 17 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Stephen Jones</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 18 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Ron Cockroft For Pru</i>
Monday 19 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>John Patrick Muldowney</i>
Tuesday 20 July			<i>Peter Moran</i>
Wednesday 21 July	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5-6.00pm Exposition/Reconciliation	<i>Derek, Christopher, Mark, Stephen Jones</i>
Thursday 22 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Friday 23 July	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Sarah Sankey</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 24 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>George Potts</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 25 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Joseph &amp; Kathleen Smith Mick Moran</i>

To assist with Covid Tack & Trace, all are asked to use the QR Code in the Church entrance hall, or to pre-book for weekend Masses (see our Parish Website, Facebook Page, or telephone the Presbytery).

We keep in prayer and congratulate those of our Children who yesterday Celebrated their First Reconciliation  
On account of mostly quarantine requirements, seven of our Children have had to delay, but they should be able for their First Reconciliation within a couple of weeks: and for them we also pray.

On their being Baptised, this weekend, we also pray for and congratulate  
Sienna Elliana Wambui, with parents, Katarzyna and Antony  
Olivia Bolisega, with parents, Zdzislaw and Magdalena

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in silence) -&- Also Sacrament of Reconciliation available**  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5-6.00pm, at our Sacred Heart Church

**Sacrament of Reconciliation only**  
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.00am, at our St Joseph's Church  
or by appointment with Fr Anthony

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## From Fr Anthony

If someone is seeking a declaration of marriage nullity, there's a bit of a sigh of relief if it can be done through Defect of Form, where a Baptised Catholic has married without a Catholic wedding: and not just as it is a simpler process. In terms of human emotions, it is usually decidedly easier.

A breakdown of a marriage that was sincerely entered into, whether or not it was ever a sound marriage, is normally a sad and painful process. Even if the entire relationship was quite short, much has been put into the courtship, wedding and marriage. Coming to the marriage, living it, and then finding it falling to pieces, all involve so many thoughts and feelings, at each stage. As a healing begins to come about, and the couple start to pick up their lives apart, it is a natural enough reaction, that they do not really want to revisit the past sad and upsetting times, to recall or relive the emotions.

Excepting Defect of Form, the nullity process normally involves revisiting those past events. It requires it of the Petitioner, the one who asks for the nullity of the marriage to be investigated. The Petitioner is also asked to bring witnesses (three is usually about the best number). Ideally, they each knew the couple well through both their courtship and marriage (they can be and often are family). So they, too, may find it upsetting to revisit their past thoughts and emotions.

As a matter of justice, the Respondent, the other spouse in the marriage being investigated, would be contacted. They have a natural right to know when a case immediately relates to them, and to be offered opportunity to give their view of the courtship and marriage, as well as of their self. More often than not, Respondents prefer not to be involved. Those who do become involved, more often than might be expected, give a useful contribution, that intentionally or not, commonly lends fair support to the Petitioner's view. The Respondent, too, of course, may therefore revisit events they would prefer to leave in the past. (It is here important to note that if the couple are long out of touch, the Petitioner may not know where he or she can be contacted, or who might know. This does *not* mean the case for nullity cannot proceed. Also, if the Respondent would be likely to cause significant problems - if there is a history of abuse or stalking, for instance - then the Respondent would not be contacted but the case could proceed.)

If someone is thinking about asking for their marriage to be investigated, they might certainly contact directly their Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. Most first turn to a priest they know, such as the priest of their Parish. In all instances a kindly ear should be found, and in most is. Of course, some are disappointed, when nullity cannot be proven. However, many marriages could be investigated, and could be found null, but some who might petition do not, or do not know they could. If a thing is not asked of one who might know .....

## Things happening in our Parish

**Confirmations 2022** Preparation Meetings are due to begin in September. Our *Baptised Catholic Children* who are now in School Year 5 (Year 6 as from September), or *any who are older* (including unConfirmed adults) are eligible to prepare. Please see Fr Anthony, at one of our a Parish weekend Masses, to obtain an Application Forms, and return the same to him, **by the end of July**.



**D-Day** Following the deregulation of many Covid-19 rules *from this Monday, 19 July*, please note that below, to be applied until further notice. Some may think the guidance over restrictive, but we also want all to feel OK with being in, or to return to being in our Churches.

Entry/exit at St Joseph's can be via the main door.

**At both of our Churches, please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter, and do not linger in the Church entrance halls.**

The general guidance is that face coverings should be worn indoors, where people are gathered in numbers, so, **excepting any who have until now been exempt**, all are **strongly requested to wear face coverings at all of our weekend Masses and larger gatherings (eg funerals)**.

No longer will Stewards lead attendees to where they are asked to sit: any may find places for themselves.

It is permissible to fill up along the benches in both our Churches, but **please bear in mind that some people may feel uncomfortable if you are close up to them**. From next weekend, cards asking others to leave a space should be available, in our Church entrances, for any who wish to be distanced. All are asked to please respect if someone asks for space: even those double vaccinated for some time are not 100% guaranteed not to catch Covid-19!

To avoid any breathing immediately over any in front of them, benches will remain with the present gap, and **all should continue to sit throughout Mass**.

We will resume the passing of the collection basket at the Preparation of Gifts, at weekend Masses. A member of the congregation may bring the basket/s forward.

**At Communion, starting with the front rows, all should go forward via the centre aisle end of their row, receive Communion/Blessing, then return via the front to the side aisle end of the same row. When Stewards are attending, please follow their indications.**

**Any Ministers assisting with Communion (presently in the form of the Consecrated Bread only) are to wear a face covering at this time, and sanitize their hands as they have been doing.**

We will ease into singing again, initially concentrating mostly on the 'Mass parts' and later increasing the hymns we might sing.

While attendees will no longer be registered on arrival, all are asked to use the QR Code (found in our Church entrances) and/or to continue to pre-book, on-line or by telephone, for if track and trace issues arise. Any more anxious about being with larger numbers might find the usually less populated Saturday Mass more comfortable.

**Critical - if you have Covid symptoms - have just tested positive - should be isolating - please stay at home.**

*Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.*

## Sacraments

**Baptism** Our Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will next take place 7.00-8.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 22 & 29 Sep**. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, after one of our Parish Masses, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

**Confirmations** Our next Preparation Programme is to begin in September. Those eligible (see pg 2) need to get an application form from Fr Anthony, and return it direct to him, **during July**.

**First Reconciliation** Our Children who are yet to celebrate a First Confession, will do so in our Sacred Heart Church,

**Mon 26 July**, at pre-arranged times With their parents assisting them, they will begin preparing for First Eucharist, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

**Sat 18 Sep**, 10-12.00am

**Marriage** Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact Fr Anthony.

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

In Mark Ch.6, the crowds soon found Jesus, when he'd gone off with his disciples to a lonely place. Jesus took pity on them because, in very biblical terms, they were like *sheep* without a *shepherd*.

*In John's Gospel, at the feeding of the five thousand, one of the apostles points to a small boy who has five loaves and two fish. Which apostle was this and what sort of loaves does he call them?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

When was the first computer mentioned in the Bible?

In the garden of Eden; it was an apple. One byte and everything crashed.



Why didn't Noah go fishing?  
Because he only had 2 worms!

## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
4 July

Loose	£154.68
Envelopes	£300.34
June Bank Orders	£1489.00.

## Donations to our Parish

Can also be made by texting -  
**CHURCH SHSJ to 70500**  
to contribute £5 - weekly  
- fortnightly - other;  
- or by using the **Donate Button**  
on our Parish Website Home Page.

## GOD OF SURPRISES

### CHANGING DIRECTION

*Repent and believe the good news (Mark 1:15)*

I spent a few months in South Africa. One Sunday afternoon I had a conversation with a black woman, who lived in Soweto, the black township on the outskirts of Johannesburg. She was elderly, her face heavily lined, her eyes sad, as though she bore in her person the sufferings of her race. She spoke slowly at first, of her bitterness at being forced to live in Soweto (a labour pool for Johannesburg of more than one and a half million blacks) and her even greater fear of losing her job and being deported to a 'homeland', poor land which was not her home. As there was a danger of drought at the time, her water had been cut off in Soweto and now water had to be bought. That same evening I celebrated Mass in a white area of Johannesburg, where a white doctor addressed the congregation on the evils of abortion. He obviously felt very strongly and reeled off statistics, but he said not a word about the social conditions, the unemployment and lack of housing which led many, who wanted to have children, to have an abortion instead. Nor did he make any mention of the inhuman conditions in which many of the Africans and Coloureds in South Africa are forced to live while deprived of any political voice, although they form over 80 per cent of the country's population. The doctor's address was selective in its exclusive emphasis on the evils of abortion, without any reference to its underlying causes, condemnatory in its failure to show any understanding of the pressures which lead people to have abortions, and self-righteous in failing to give any hint that both he and the congregation might be colluding in the crime which he so vigorously denounced.

To make sin synonymous with wrongdoing is to rob it of its meaning. If sin is considered to be the same thing as wrongdoing, then St. Paul, before his conversion was sinless, for he observed the Law with great exactitude, 'As far as the Law can make you perfect, I was faultless' (Phil. 3:6). To urge people to 'Obedience, diligence, honesty, order, cleanliness, temperance, truthfulness, sacrifice and love of one's country' may seem to be a call to repentance: in fact, the quotation is taken from an inscription on the ceiling of one of the administration buildings in Dachau, the Nazi concentration camp, for prisoners to read frequently. It was a call to idolatry of the Third Reich, not a call to turn to God.

*To be continued . . .*

Abridged from: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

**Catholic Press** A few weeks ago, the Catholic Universe/Times, went into liquidation, ending a long run of bringing Catholic interest news, from around the world, to Catholics in Britain and Ireland.

Both *The Tablet* and the *Catholic Herald* are still in circulation, available via news agents, or on-line at <http://thetablet.co.uk> and <http://catholicherald.co.uk>

An on-line only service of news and articles is also available at <http://indcatholicnews.com>, from Independent Catholic News. This site allows free access and is quite easy to negotiate.

**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**,  
especially Denis Fricker, an his family



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing  
Peggy Heneghan, Liz Allen, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe, John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Betty O'Donnell  
Tim Byrne, John Lovely, Raymond Ward, and all our housebound

**The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16, Commentary on the Readings**

**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34**

Today we begin a series of six Sunday gospels on the Eucharist. As this year's gospel (Mark) is too short to provide readings for the whole year, the Church takes five Sunday readings from the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel, introducing them today with the account of the Gathering in Mark's Gospel. Following on, the story of the Feeding, which will begin next week, can be read on several levels. The event is a foretaste of the Eucharist, with the disciples gathered round Jesus as the new Israel (12 baskets for the 12 tribes) for a fully satisfying meal, the messianic banquet. Furthermore, Jesus is the good shepherd who feeds his flock, according to Psalm 23, on the green pastures beside the restful waters of the Lake of Galilee. Jesus is also the prophet like Moses who provides manna for his people in the desert or, more precisely, he is like Elisha in 2 Kings 4 (next Sunday's first reading). The story in Mark's account of the Feeding is recounted in terms which deliberately recall these and other biblical scenes, to enrich and deepen our understanding of what is happening.



be God's representative who is the shepherd, or it may hint at both. The exile in Babylon must still come first, but that time will give way to the reign of 'The Lord-our-integrity'. This name is roughly equivalent to the Kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus, for the kingship of God is a kingship of God's justice and salvation. God's 'justice' is not like human justice, which consists in observance of and obedience to the law, whether it be the Jewish Law or Civil Law. God's justice consists in fidelity to his promises, the promises made originally to Abraham, and repeated to Moses and David, the repeatedly renewed covenant, the promise of patronage and protection, if only the people will put their trust in the Lord. This is what makes God's justice a saving justice, the hope of Israel, fulfilled in Jesus.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

This reading is chosen with an eye to today's gospel. It is quite unlike so many passages in Jeremiah when he was obliged to prophesy doom and disaster for Israel. As well as doom for the current shepherds of the people, this reading foretells a time when the Lord himself will shepherd his people through his own shepherd, a king in the line of David. The promise may refer to God himself as the shepherd, or it may

**Second Reading: Ephesians: 2:13-18**

The Letter to the Ephesians celebrates the unity of the Church, returning again and again to this subject. In this passage the 'you that used to be so far off' denotes the gentiles, and the 'us' the Jews. The two groups of Christians, sprung from Jews and Gentiles, which formerly were so much at loggerheads, are united by the blood of Christ and the single Spirit to form the single New Man which is Christ's Body, the Church. The uniting of these two groups reminds us that Christ won salvation for the whole world. In some mysterious way all those who are saved are saved by Christ, even if they are not explicitly aware of this.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 17**

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6  
Gospel: John 6:1-15

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Week 4**

**Sun** Of Sunday  
**Mon** Of Weekday  
**Tue** Of Weekday (or + Common Martyrs or Pastors)  
**Wed** Of Weekday (or + Common Pastors)  
**Thu** Proper of Saints  
**Fri** Proper of Saints  
**Sat** Of Weekday (or + Common Pastors)

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** Of Weekday  
**Tue** St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr  
**Wed** St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of Church  
**Thu** St Mary Magdalene, Holy Woman  
**Fri** Sr Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe  
**Sat** St Sharbel Makhluif, Priest